

S/N 08/913,257**PATENT****IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Karl E. Giersckky et al.

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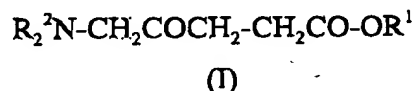
Title: ESTERS OF 5-AMINOLEVULINIC ACID AS PHOTSENSITIZING
AGENTS IN PHOTOCHEMOTHERAPY**PROPOSED INFORMAL AMENDMENT**Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

As requested by Examiner Robert Deemie, during a phone conversation on September 14, 1999 between the Examiner and Applicant's attorney Robert Harris (Reg. No. 37,346), the following proposed informal amendment is submitted for consideration.

IN THE CLAIMS*EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT*

28. A pharmaceutical composition comprising an effective diagnostic or therapeutic amount of a compound of formula I



wherein, R^1 is alkyl; and each R^2 is independently hydrogen or alkyl;
wherein each alkyl of R^1 and R^2 is optionally substituted by hydroxy, alkoxy, acyloxy, alkoxy-carbonyloxy, amino, aryl, oxo or fluoro groups and is optionally interrupted by oxygen atoms; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof; together with at least one pharmaceutical carrier or excipient.